

**USS Lead and Refinery, Inc. Superfund Site  
East Chicago, Indiana  
Activity Report  
July 29, 2016**

**COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EPA, THE CITY AND ECHA:** The parties continue to hold regularly-scheduled and specially-scheduled calls to share information and work through issues. **Status:** On-going. Next call scheduled for Monday at 4:30 CT.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** The City of East Chicago and ECHA are holding a public meeting at 2:30 p.m. on August 3, 2016, to discuss the recently filed Demolition and Disposition Application and the related issue of relocation. On July 20, 2016, Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs) began to distribute flyers and fact sheets, and post signs advising residents about how to protect themselves and their children from lead-contaminated soils and explaining the purpose of the mulch. EPA and the City will monitor the situation to make certain that signs are not removed and remain in place. **Status:** Ongoing.

**SAMPLING:** EPA will partner with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to sample the interiors of units within the West Calumet Complex. EPA expects to begin work on August 1, 2016. The Superintendent of the East Chicago School District has asked and EPA has agreed to sample the interior of the neighboring Carrie Gosch School. EPA has secured access to approximately 30 of the 50 units it would like to sample. It will continue its work to secure access. **Status:** Ongoing.

**COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EPA AND THE EAST CHICAGO SCHOOL**

**DISTRICT:** At the request of the Superintendent, EPA has agreed to conduct indoor sampling at the Carrie Gosch Elementary School. EPA has also shared data with the Superintendent and Principal that shows contamination above action levels is limited to one location in the southeastern corner of the school property at a depth of between 18" and 24" inches below grade surface. EPA will remediate this area but the contamination at depth does not pose an immediate risk to students or faculty. EPA, along with ATSDR, have also begun a conversation with the Superintendent to help her better understand the actual risks posed by contamination in the vicinity of the school. These entities will also confer about how best to facilitate additional testing of children possibly during registration for school during the first week of August. **Status:** On-going.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:** On July 28, 2016, Chicago and Northwest Indiana news organizations printed and broadcast stories about conditions at the Site and the reaction of the residents. **Status:** On-going.

**MOWING:** At the request of the ECHA, EPA sent on July 27, 2016, a letter to the City (with copies to the Park Department and School District) that sets forth its position with respect to mowing. **Status:** Ongoing.

**ATSDR:** On July 20, 2016, ATSDR, the City, ECHA, IDPH and CDE representatives met to discuss a variety of health issues affecting the East Chicago community. These discussions

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